AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for identifying a user, the method comprising the steps of:

requesting ~~in which~~ at least one person-specific feature of the user ~~is requested~~ by a central server;

transmitting the requested feature ~~and is transmitted~~ to the central server [[by]] from an input appliance of a user computer device via a telecommunication link; and~~, in particular over the Internet, and is compared~~

comparing in the central server the transmitted feature with ~~stored~~ user data stored in the central server,

the at least one person-specific feature being randomly selected by the central server ~~on the basis of the random principle~~ from a plurality of features recorded in a first feature group comprising the print from at least one finger and/or the image of the iris of at least one eye and/or a voice sample and/or a sample signature and/or an image of at least part of the user and/or the genetic fingerprint and in a second feature group comprising the user name and/or the date of birth and/or a user number and/or a secret number.

2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a plurality of the person-specific features are randomly selected and requested ~~on the basis of the random principle~~.

3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the person-specific features in the first group always is selected and requested ~~characterized in that, in each case, at least one feature from the first feature group is chosen~~.

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the requested feature is ~~characterized in that the data are~~ transmitted in encrypted form to the central server.

5. (currently amended) A system for identifying a user, comprising:

~~having at least one~~ a central server having a database containing person-specific features for users in a first feature group comprising at least one of a print from at least one finger, an image of the iris of at least one eye, a voice sample, a sample signature, an image of at least part of the user, and a genetic fingerprint and in a second feature group comprising at least one of the user name, the user date of birth, a user number, and a secret number, ~~having~~ the central server being arranged and adapted to randomly select at least one of the person-specific features from the first and second groups and to transmit a request for the randomly selected feature; and

at least one external, user computer device which communicates with the server over the Internet and has at least one input appliance that responds to the request from the server and that transmits the requested person-specific feature to the server,

the server being arranged and adapted to compare the transmitted person-specific feature to the randomly selected person-specific feature stored in the database to identify the user ~~which can be used for the server to request at least one person-specific feature and for transmitting said feature to the server,~~

~~the person-specific features of a user being stored on the server in a person-specific data record (3, 4) containing a first feature group comprising the print from at least one finger and/or the image of the iris of at least one eye and/or a voice sample and/or a sample signature and/or an image of at least part of the user and/or the genetic fingerprint and containing a second feature group comprising the user name and/or the date of birth and/or a user number and/or a secret number, and the at least one person-specific feature (5) requested being able to be selected on the basis of the random principle from the features in both feature groups (3a, 3b, 4a, 4b)~~.

6. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the input appliance of the user computer device ~~(7, 13)~~ comprises at least of a one camera, a

~~(11) and/or at least one~~ microphone, and ~~and/or at least one~~ means ~~(17)~~ for recording a fingerprint.

7. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 5, further comprising ~~characterized in that~~ a plurality of the central servers having identical databases ~~are provided~~.

8. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the server and ~~(2) and/or~~ the user computer device ~~(7, 13)~~ comprise a means for data encryption and decryption.

9. (new) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first feature group includes a plurality of different ones of the person-specific features for the user and wherein at least one of the person-specific features in the first group always is selected and requested when identifying the user.

10. (new) The method of claim 9, wherein a plurality of the person-specific features are randomly selected and requested.

11. (new) The system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first feature group includes a plurality of different ones of the person-specific features for the user and wherein at least one of the person-specific features in the first group always is selected and requested when identifying the user.

12. (new) The system of claim 11, wherein a plurality of the person-specific features are randomly selected and requested.

13. (new) A method for identifying a user, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a central server with a database that includes plural different person-specific features of the user that are arranged in the database in a first feature group that includes at least two of (a) a print from at least one finger, (b) an image of the iris of at least one eye, (c) a voice sample, (d) a sample signature, (e) an image of at least part of the user, and (e) a genetic fingerprint, and in a second feature group that includes at least two of (a) the user name, (b) the user date of birth, (c) a user number, and (d) a secret number;

the central server randomly selecting one of the person-specific features from the first feature group and randomly selecting a further one of the person-specific features from the first and second feature groups;

transmitting a request for the randomly selected person-specific features from the central server to the user over a telecommunication network;

the user obtaining the requested person-specific features at a user computer remote from the central server and transmitting the requested person-specific features to the central server over the telecommunication network;

in the central server comparing the person-specific features from the user to the randomly selected person-specific features in the database to identify the user.